

## INVEST Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Does my proposal have to address all of the focus areas listed in the BAA?
- A. No. Proposals can address one or more focus areas, including but not limited to those listed in the BAA. Proposers may suggest other research topics with the information requested in Part II Section I.C of the BAA included (detailed description, impact, success criteria, and deliverables).
- Q. Would it be possible to schedule a phone conversation or arrange a short meeting to discuss the program?
- A. Please submit technical and administrative questions by email to [DARPA-BAA-15-40@darpa.mil](mailto:DARPA-BAA-15-40@darpa.mil). A FAQ will be posted to <http://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/opportunities> under DARPA-BAA-15-40 and will be updated periodically.
- Q. I am new at this; can you tell me how best to work with DARPA?
- A. Please refer to the information provided under the WORK WITH US tab on the DARPA website <http://www.darpa.mil>.
- Q. Could you connect me with a group that knows about vacuum electronics and is interested in collaborating?
- A. DARPA does not make recommendations on teaming arrangements.
- Q. Is there a mailing list or other form of general notice on this effort and how could we be added to the list?
- A. A FAQ will be posted to <http://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/opportunities> under DARPA-BAA-15-40 and will be updated periodically.
- Q. Are we limited to matrix type cathodes as perhaps the Phase II criteria suggests? Is <1100 K a fast requirement or is low power? Are we limited to thermionic or can T-F, extended Schottky or photoelectric sources be included?
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- Q. Would it be possible to get an extension to the abstract/proposal due date?
- A. To be considered during the initial round of selections, abstracts must be submitted on or before 1:00 PM., Eastern Time, September 14, 2015, and proposals must be submitted on or before 1:00 PM., Eastern Time, October 30, 2015. After the initial round of selections, proposals may be submitted until 1:00 PM, Eastern Time, February 5, 2016, and abstracts may be submitted until 1:00 PM, Eastern Time, December 7, 2015.